

TOO MANY OFFICERS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Secretary Dickinson Advocates Merit System to Improve Army Efficiency.

Army efficiency and discipline are suffering materially from the fact that there are now too many officers absent from their regular commands on special duty, according to Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson, in his first annual report.

Secretary Dickinson contends that the absence of a merit system is hurtful to the military organization, and he favors the passage by Congress of the bill advocated by President Taft, when he was Secretary of War, to increase the efficiency by the forced retirement of officers "who can best be spared."

In compliance with the President's instruction, Secretary Dickinson has made his estimates for the fiscal year of 1911 \$11,422,599 less than for the current fiscal year. He has made sweeping reduction all along the line, asking for the support of the army, the military academy, and the militia \$3,936,480 less than the estimates for 1910, and \$7,652,001 less than was appropriated for this year. The cut in the estimates for military posts, fortifications, and arsenals amounts to \$5,682,789, or a total of \$21,935,546.

Secretary Dickinson shows disfavor for the physical endurance tests for army officers as enforced by President Roosevelt, and advocates, instead, that officers be required to take short rides and walks each week rather than a long forced ride.

Baltimore and Ohio to Philadelphia and New York. Splendid Royal Blue trains leave Union Station, Washington, "Evening Hour on the Old Road," 7-9-11-13 and 5 o'clock. Vestibuled trains with drawing-room parlor and dining cars on all. Midnight train with sleeping cars at 12:15 a. m.—Adv.

Special Train to Metropolitan Opera at Lyric Theatre, Baltimore, Friday, December 3d, will leave Union Station, Washington, 7:10 p. m., via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, running through to Mt. Royal Station, Baltimore, opposite theater. Returning special train will leave Mt. Royal Station after the performance. For tickets and full information call on T. Arthur Smith, 1411 F Street N. W. Adv.

Marcus Notes AUCTIONEER

"Last Three Days"

Sale extraordinary of \$55,000.00 worth of valuable and useful Furs within my Salesrooms, No. 426 Ninth street N. W., commencing Tuesday, November 30, 1909, at 11 a. m. Stock comprises Hudson Seal, Caracul, Russian Pony Coats, Lynx, Ermine, Fox, Mink, Martin, and Pointed Fox Sets, Fur-lined and Auto Coats, Opera Coats, Children's Sets, Mounted Animal Rugs, and hundreds of fine and desirable pieces.

This sale is on account of a prominent local fur house which is compelled to realize on its stock for the purpose of immediately liquidating its indebtedness, and as the sale is absolute it presents a rare and extraordinary opportunity to purchase valuable furs at a fraction of their real value.

Sales at 11 o'clock a. m., 3 o'clock p. m., and 7:30 o'clock p. m.



Late in the Evening,
After a game of pool, cards, or bowling—just try Noalco. It goes right to the spot, refreshes, invigorates, satisfies. You'll like it immensely, and then it's so healthful, too!

Noalco is delivered anywhere in cases of two dozen large bottles for \$2.00 the case; 50c rebate on bottles.

At all good groceries or drug stores.
Noalco Department,
Washington Brewery Co.
Fourth and F Streets N. E.
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MRS. RILEY'S FUNERAL SET FOR SATURDAY

Wife of Prominent Business Man
Will Be Buried at
Glenwood.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Elvira Riley, wife of Thomas W. Riley, will be held from the family residence, 1000 F street southwest, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment will take place in Glenwood Cemetery. The Rev. W. J. D. Thomas, pastor of the Brookland M. E. Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Riley was born in Baltimore in 1825, but came with her parents to Washington at an early age, and has since been a resident of this city. She was married to Thomas W. Riley, a well-

known merchant of this city, in 1846. Thirteen years ago the couple celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Riley had been a member of Grace Episcopal Church all her life, and until her health began to fail, had been one of the most prominent workers in the congregation. Her death followed an illness of more than three months. Besides her husband, Mrs. Riley is survived by two daughters, three sons, and seventeen grandchildren, all of this city.

AUTOS BURNED.

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—The two-story automobile garage in the rear of the home of William J. Connors, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, was almost totally destroyed by fire and three of Mr. Connors' automobiles were practically ruined and one other was badly damaged. The fire was caused by crossed wires in one of the cars destroyed.

PAYS END'S BILL FOVELEVE YEARS

NORWICH, Dec. 2.—Adrian D. Sturges, a. r., has discovered that on account of faulty connection of meters he has been paying the gas bill of the off Justice Thomas for twelve years. He has also been paying \$145 asked the gas company to close all the way and modern schools in the kingdom.

NEVADA SENATOR RETURNING HOME

Senator of Nevada, who was abroad with wife recently, will be met at New York quarantine at midnight by his secretary, Dwight Jones, who received permission

from the Treasury Department to meet the Lusitania, upon which Mr. Nixon is coming, and take the Nevada Senator up the bay in a revenue cutter, which will be placed at his disposal by Collector of Customs Loeb.

TO CLOSE LAY SCHOOLS.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Madrid by way of the frontier says that the Spanish episcopate has petitioned the government to close all the lay and modern schools in the kingdom.

TOGO RETIRES.

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—Admiral Togo, chief of the general staff of the navy, has retired from the naval command. He has become a member of the military council. He is succeeded in his earlier office by Vice Admiral Sir Goro Ikuhara.

FALLS FROM TRAIN AGED MAN UNHURT

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 2.—J. H. Ashcroft, of Red Key, Ind., seventy years old, walked off a Lake Shore train while it was running sixty miles an hour, near Chesterton. He fell on a parallel track and though struck by another train he received such slight injuries that he was able to continue his journey.

TREMORS RUIN TOWNS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.—An official dispatch received here from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, says that several small villages in that region have been destroyed by an earthquake. No lives are reported to have been lost.

MUSICAL CRITIC HAS EARS BOXED

Husband of Singer Gets Revenge
On Representative of
London Times.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Resenting a notice which appeared in the Times concerning his wife, Clara Butt, the singer, R. Kennerley Rumford, who is also a vocalist, went to Queen's Hall during a concert and called the Times critic, Mr. Colles, into the vestibule, and publicly boxed his ears.
Rumford has declined to apologize, and Colles announces his intention of bringing proceedings in police court.

Two net waists for the
price of one
WORTH \$4.00 FOR

BUT ONLY 25¢ of them, in ecru and white, silk lined, fancy trimmed yokes.
PURE LINEN WAISTS, hand embroidered with pleating at sides, and pleated back. Laundered col- \$1.50
lar and cuffs. Friday's Remnant price.
Second Floor—Waists.



500 handsome
fashionable

Worth 2 to 4 times
the ask price

Nothing like this season. The maker simply had to do it or lose more money than he did by selling to us at a price enabling us to quote the most ridiculous price this year.

GREAT VARIETY OF MATERIALS. BEST OF THIS SEASON'S STYLES
CHOICE OF THE ENTIRE PURCHASE AT \$10.75

The styles are dress effects, with pleated-on flounces, open front or side. Others have the belt line marked. Some are plain tailored. Others are trimmed all over and set with braid and embroidery. The materials are in so great a variety of weaves and colorings as to furnish dresses for practically every occasion.

DRESS OF SATIN-FINISHED PRUNELLAS	\$10.75
DRESS OF SILK-FINISHED SOLIEL	\$10.75
DRESS OF SATIN-FINISHED CHIFFON BROADCLOTHS	\$10.75
DRESS OF SATIN-STRIPED BROADCLOTH	\$10.75
DRESS OF FINE ALL-SILK MESSALINES	\$10.75
DRESS OF FINE CHIFFON TAFFETA SILKS	\$10.75
DRESS OF FINE COIRE SILKS AND SATINS	\$10.75
DRESS OF BLACK AND WHITE CHECKED WORSTED	\$10.75
DRESS OF FINE VOILES AND FRENCH SERGES	\$10.75
DRESS OF FRENCH BATISTE AND HENRIETTAS	\$10.75
DRESS OF FANCY AND NOVELTY SILKS	\$10.75

The range of colors includes raisin, walnut, wistaria, mode, rose, reseda, wine, white, pink, light blue, artichoke, peacock, alicia blue, navy and black. Some of the silks in white and other evening shades.

No dress worth under \$20.00. Many worth 4 times the sale price. None sent on approval. No alterations. No exchanges.

Not our loss but the manufacturer's
\$8.50, \$10, and \$12
Trimmed hats, choice, \$3.98

The manufacturer starts to work upon his spring merchandise, and is clearing out entire lot of trimmed hats.
We have had such phenomenal success with the trimmed hat sales we have held in the last month that we knew such another sale would appeal to economically minded women who delight in fresh and trim hat to wear for the holiday shopping season, and so we took the entire lot at a special price.
Included in the lot are large and medium shapes, and of handsome draped turbans.
BEAVERS—FUR HATS—VELVET HATS—MOIRE SILK HATS—FELT HATS—BURLINE SILK HATS—COMBINATION OF VELVET AND FUR.
The black beaver hats alone, without trimming are worth \$5.00, and with the trimming worth considerably more.
TRIMMINGS are of velvet, ribbons, silks, quills, large wings, flowers, fancy feathers, and gold and silver trimmings.
Second Floor—Millinery.

Another remnant lot silks
At 10c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, and 50c a remnant
Silks worth from 75c to \$1.75 yard

Last week's big sale cleaned out a number of the lots of drummer's samples had, but we have succeeded in securing another lot of similar silks which are equally as good to offer you tomorrow.
Christmas gifts can be made from these silks. Best, dolls' dresses, etc.
These are the kinds—
Striped silks, bangalines, fancy taffetas, plain taffetas, toulaines, black crepehline, pongee, china silks, fancy crepes, Marquisettes, armures, foulards, checkers, dresdens, cashmere, bifurals, colored satins, black peau de cygne, colored peau de cygne, brocades, perles, diagonals, moire silks, messalines.
REMNANTS CONTAIN FROM 1/2 TO 1 1/2 YARDS.

18c to 30c linings at 12 1/2c yd.

Many of these linings are in colors suitable for making fancy articles.
Choice of mercerized sateen, spun-glass linings and Percalines, in fast black and a good array of colors.
Choice tomorrow of these good remnant lengths, 12 1/2c a yd.—1st floor—bargain tables.

\$3.00 to \$4.00 all silk
Umbrellas at \$1.39

Yes, we repeat it again—umbrellas with all silk covers for \$1.39. Just because of very slight imperfections.
These covers are of all silk taffetas or yarn-dyed taffetas.
All black. Sizes for men or women.
These umbrellas have close roll and hardwood and natural sticks.

IMPORTANT NEWS
"Mill ends" of fur cloths
Worth from \$7 to \$8 a yard
\$2.68
All kinds of Fur Cloths, bright lustrous cloths, in lengths from two to four yards, sufficient for a muff, tie, throw, or short or long coat, and any in the lot tomorrow at a yard.
Come early, lot is limited.
First Floor—Dress Goods Department.

Child's aluminium
Drinking cup for
25c
(Name engraved free)



Every child who goes to school could have his or her own drinking cup. This is a requirement in some states, and a wise and sanitary precaution anywhere, in view of the growing prevalence of tuberculosis. Cup, exactly as shown, will not tarnish, or rust, and requires no polishing to keep it bright and sanitary. This will make the best kind of a gift for a child.
First Floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

LAST FRIDAY
for ribbon remnants

We've made the Ribbons this week of greater value than ever because it's our last remnant day for ribbons before Xmas.
1 to 2-in. ALL-SILK RIBBONS, all shades and good lengths. Choice, a yd. 1c
1 to 2-in. RIBBONS, including plain and satin taffetas; all good shades and lengths. Choice, a yd. 5c
1 to 2-in. RIBBONS, including plain and satin taffetas and fancy effects. To close tomorrow, choice, a yd. 12c
1 to 2-in. RIBBONS, consisting of plain and satin taffetas and dresdens. Good lengths. Choice tomorrow, a yd. 17c
1st floor—Bargain Tables.

Children's apparel
Odd lots—and good ones!

BATH ROBES of figured elder-down, finished with frog fasteners; size 2 yr. only. Were \$2. Reduced to 85c
3 BATH ROBES of fleece-down; sailor collar, turn-back cuffs, finished with cord and tassels. Reduced from \$2 to 50c
RED BEAVER HATS, with brim that can be rolled or bent down; finished with ribbon bow. Reduced. Were \$5. \$3.00
3 LARGE RED BEAVER SAILOR HATS, trimmed with fancy silk ribbon. Reduced from \$5 to \$4.00
1 RED MUSHROOM BEAVER HAT, trimmed with ribbon. Reduced from \$4 to \$4.00
3 KNIT SKIRTS, with bodies in white with red or pink stripes. Reduced from 75c to 50c
THE OUTING FLANNEL ROMPERS, sizes 2 to 6 years. Reduced from 50c to 25c
CASHMERE DRESSES, in blue, brown and garnet; nicely made; sizes 6 to 12 years. Reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.00
2d floor—Children's Section.

3 to 12 yds.
Silk braids, 10c

Good for many trimming purposes. Some 1/2 inch bands included. Quite an aggregation and you are sure of finding what you want—1st floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

80c milk chocolate
Kisses 45c lb.
This is the famous Hershey's Milk Chocolate Kisses, all wrapped in silver foil. A delicious confection, and kisses that all will be glad to get. 1st floor—Candy Section

Clean-up remnant sale of
Wool dress goods

As this is probably the last advertised sale of Wool Dress Goods Remnants we shall have before Xmas, we have endeavored to make it a "hummer." Here's what it holds for you:

50c, 75c, to \$1.25
wool goods, a yard . . . 29c
Including the following: 50c Mohairs, 50-in. Wool Suitings, worth \$1.00 a yard; 54-in. Mannish Suitings, 50-in. Black Diagonal Suitings, worth 75c a yard; 56-in. English Coatings, worth \$1.25 a yard; also a big lot of White Remnants, that sold from 50c to \$1.00 a yard, slightly soiled, and hundreds of others.

\$1.00 to \$2.00 wool
goods, a yard 59c
Such fabrics as \$2.00 All Wool Nettle Suitings, 54 inches wide, in a good range of colors.
54-in. All Wool Pannet Suitings, in a good range of colors, worth \$1.75 a yard.
50-inch Diagonal Suitings, worth \$1.00 a yard, brown only.
\$1.00 All Wool Fancy Serges, and hundreds of others.

\$1.25 to \$2.50 wool
goods, a yard 89c
\$1.25 to \$1.50 Broadcloths, in good shades, 50 inches wide.
\$2.50 Striped Broadcloths, in good shades, 52 inches wide.
\$2.00 Fine Tailored Suitings, 56 inches wide, pin striped and plain effects.
\$1.50 Black Storm Serges, 50 inches wide.
\$1.50 Satin Cloths.
\$1.50 to \$1.75 Fancy Prunellas.
\$2.50 Silk Gingham Satin Striped, black only.
Priestley's \$2.00 and \$2.25 Black Tussah Royal.
Priestley's \$2.00 Black Directoire Cloth, 45 inches wide, and many others.
First Floor—Dress Goods.

Closing out odd lots of
Rugs and draperies

24 by 36 in. Velour Squares for chair seats or cushion tops; worth up to \$2.50 a yard. Special. 39c
Odd Tapestry Portieres, 3 1/2 yards long; regular 90c quality. A strip while they last. 59c
CURTAINS—Small lot of ecru sash net, with honiton braid trimming, 2 1/2 yards long; worth \$1.25 a pair. 69c
Lot of Tapestry Couch Covers, 3 yards long, with fringe all around; worth \$1.49. Special. 98c
Lot of Portiere Loops, in mixed colors, red and green, tan and green; worth up to 25c pair. Special. 15c
Small lot of Tapestry Squares for covering chairs or making pillow tops. Choice. 10c
3-fold Silkoline Screens, 5-foot oak frames filled with superior silkoline in floral patterns; worth \$1.25. At 69c
2d floor—Upholstery Section.

\$3.50 to \$5.00
Feather muffs, \$1.49

These muffs are of ecru in brown, black, garnet, and white; of ostrich in light blue and pink. These muffs will make nice gifts and the price tomorrow is only \$1.49 for choice.

SOILED NECKWEAR embracing fancy stocks, soiled collars, and other kinds. Worth 2 1/2c all around; worth \$1.49. 1st floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

SILK PETTICOATS
Odd and ends.
6 SILK PETTICOATS, in brown, tan or green; deep full ruffle. Reduced from \$3.95 to \$5.50
8 MESSALINE PETTICOATS, in taupe, peacock green, made with deep ruffle finished with pin tucking. Reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.00
2d floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.